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1. Two biplanes, one DC-3 transport and 20 twin-engine aircraft of an undetermined type were observed at the BAD VOESLAU (C 48/X 36) airfield. A mobile radio station with two masts and a stationary radio station with four masts were located there.
2. The following motor vehicles were observed in the garage at 15 Bahnhofstrasse:

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3. Twenty Pe-2s, twelve of them without gun positions and eight with them were parked at the BAD VOESLAU airfield. There was no flying. According to local residents, flying has not been done regularly.

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4. The field was occupied by 16 Pe-2s. Two of these took off at 2 p.m. and flew the VOESLAU - GLOGGNITZ (C 48/X 13) route in both directions for two hours at an altitude of about 13,000 feet. Six other planes of this type took off about 3 p.m. and made local flights. According to local residents, local flying has recently been observed every day.
5. The following quarters were occupied by Soviet Air Force troops:

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- a. No 13 Bahnstrasse: 50 EM
- b. Hotel Naxera on Gainfarner Hauptstrasse: 50 EM
- c. Hotel Hallmayer: About 50 families
- d. Hotel Schweizer Hof: About 50 families
- e. Railroad station restaurant (EM canteen): about 20 EM, daily ration strength of about 20 EM.
- f. GAINFARN Castle: 150 EM
- g. Local kommandatura at No 5 Bahnstrasse: Air force soldiers and soldiers wearing black-bordered, black epaulets. The following motor vehicles were parked in front of the local kommandatura:

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Comment:

a. The field has been assumed to be occupied by an air reconnaissance regiment equipped with Pe-2s and Yak-3s. Since no aircraft were observed at the field between mid-July and early August 1949, the regiment was assumed to be transferred. According to this report, the field is again occupied by Pe-2s. It is notable that no fighters were observed. Therefore, it cannot be stated whether the regiment now stationed at the field is the same as the air reconnaissance regiment located there up to July 1949. Its identification is made more difficult by the appearance of new motor vehicle

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b. The units quartered in the various BAD VOESLAU buildings have not been identified.

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